

Summertime has arrived in all its glory – hot, humid, and buggy!!!



Our New Name - Friends of Jocelyn Nungaray National Wildlife Refuge

I'm sure you have heard that our refuge located near Anahuac, TX is now Jocelyn Nungaray National Wildlife Refuge. And you probably anticipated that the Friends name would also be changing! So here it is, The Friends of Anahuac Refuge is now the Friends of Jocelyn Nungaray National Wildlife Refuge. Our mission continues as it always has - to serve as volunteers to support the refuge in accomplishing their mission. Watch for our beautiful new logo coming soon.

Beyond the Birds of Texas –Interesting things that won't fit in a field guide presented by David Sarkozi

Help us celebrate the new book authored by our very own founding Board Member, David Sarkozi. He will do a fun presentation about his vast experiences while birding and share interesting experiences he had during the creation process. And YES, his books will be available to purchase and YES, he will be happy to sign your copy of this terrific new field guide.



Mark your calendar for July 26 at 2:00 pm. It will be in the Texas Chenier Plain Refuges Visitor Center, at 4017 FM 563, Anahuac, TX



Summer Camp is coming soon

This year's summer camp will be July 28th – 31st from 9am-12pm at the [Texas Chenier Plain NWR](#) Complex Visitor Center, 4017 FM 563, Anahuac, TX 77514. The deadline to register is July 1st, 2025 at 12PM.

[CLICK HERE](#) for complete details.

For more information, please call 409-267-3337.

Early Bird Membership - Dues will increase in 2026

The Board of Directors has approved new membership levels and dues increase as follows:

Membership	Current Fees	New Fees
Individual	\$15.00	\$25.00
Family	\$22.50	\$37.50
Sustaining	\$50.00	\$50.00
Family Sustaining	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
Sponsorship	\$ -	\$100.00
Corporate	\$100.00	\$150.00
Lifetime	\$300.00	\$500.00



The new rates would be effective January 2026. We are offering an **Early Bird special**-- Members who join or renew in November 2025 may pay the current fee rather than the higher fee. Take advantage of this Early Bird Membership.

Why are fees increasing? We have kept our fees very low throughout our history, which began in 1967. Membership fees are a necessary part of funding to accomplish our mission. As you know, all expenses have increased tremendously over the years. In addition, donors are unable to give as much as they would like due to the high cost of living. To meet the challenges of funding shortages, fee increases are imperative.

May we suggest that a Membership gift or Donation for a family member or friend is a very thoughtful and appreciated gift. Consider a Sponsorship, Corporate, or Lifetime Membership if appropriate for your situation. We welcome everyone to join us as we endeavor to preserve and enhance our refuge lands for now and the future. Wildlife depends on us to provide safe space for them to not only to survive but to thrive.

Plan ahead for 2026 and become a member, renew your membership, or gift a membership in November 2025!!



Chambers County 2025 Annual Employee Health and Benefits Fair

We always have a great time at the Health Fair. We meet new people and see those we haven't seen in a while. Most importantly we get to share information about our local refuge and our Friends organization. Not to mention all the free giveaways

we give and receive. **Chambers County is a special place and so are the people who live and work here.**

Something new is coming soon - An Audio Tour on our refuge

With funds from a grant from Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation, we will produce and create an Audio Tour of significant sites on the refuge.

Visitors may explore the refuge by automobile, bicycle, or by foot and stop at designated places and listen to short audio clips that describe various features of the landscape, including wildlife, habitats, history, and refuge operation and management. Watch for more information about this exciting addition to your refuge experience.



Please pack your patience—your refuge is getting a much-needed facelift!

Crews are hard at work across Jocelyn Nungaray, chip sealing, striping, re-graveling, and addressing long-overdue drainage issues. The project is expected to

wrap up by the end of July—weather permitting, of course.

We're excited for these improvements, which will enhance access and give the refuge a fresh new look. Thank you for your patience as we work to make your visit even better!

See you on the Refuge!!